

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

SPEECH OF

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, this week we commemorate "National Police Week" and recognize the men and women who serve and protect in the law enforcement community. A Joint Resolution of Congress established National Police Week in 1962. That resolution authorized President John F. Kennedy to proclaim May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week.

In that resolution nearly sixty years ago, Congress noted that "the police officers of America have worked devotedly and selflessly in behalf of the people of this Nation, regardless of the peril or hazard to themselves; and . . . have safeguarded the lives and property of their fellow Americans." Those words are as true today as they were in 1962.

Over the past year, our law enforcement officers have endured verbal and physical abuse, sometimes from their political leaders. Some made the ultimate sacrifice while working to keep their communities safe. They did this while some politicians were calling for their departments to be defunded, disbanded, or dismantled. They did this while working on the front lines during a global pandemic.

We should not just stand with the Police this week, but every week. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the law enforcement officers in their communities and thank them for keeping us all safe.

HONORING AYDNN AUGUSTINE KING

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Aydn Augustine King. Aydn is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 74G, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Aydn has been very active with her troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Aydn has been involved with scouting, she has not only earned 37 merit badges, but also the respect of her family, peers, and community. Aydn has also contributed to her community through her Eagle Scout project. Aydn cleaned out the Maryville Middle School Band Storage Room and installed two floor ceiling shelving units.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Aydn Augustine King for

her accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of Alcorn State University.

Alcorn University, now referred to as Alcorn State University, was founded on May 13, 1871, in Lorman, Mississippi, resulting from Mississippi's efforts to educate the descendants of formerly enslaved individuals. The university is named after James L. Alcorn, who was the governor of Mississippi at the time of its founding.

Alcorn is celebrating its 150th year as our nation's first Historically Black Land Grant University and the second-oldest state-supported institution of higher learning in Mississippi. Alcorn continues to provide a valuable education in agriculture, arts, sciences, business, education, and offers the only nursing program available at a Historically Black College and University (HBCU) in the state of Mississippi. Not to mention, the institution consistently ranks among the top 25 HBCUs in the United States by *U.S. News & World Report*.

During Reconstruction, Hiram Revels served as the first president of Alcorn. He resigned his seat as our nation's first African American United States Senator to lead the university. One of the residential options on campus, the Medgar Wiley Evers Heritage Village, is dedicated to Evers who was a prominent civil rights activist and 1952 alumnus of the university.

In addition to notable alumni, Steve McNair, led a decorated career in the National Football League and was drafted third overall during the 1995 National Football League draft. This is the highest draft selection for an offensive player, from an HBCU, in National Football League history.

The successes of Alcorn State University are tied to the dedicated leadership and faculty who have devoted their careers to preparing future generations for excellence in academics as well as athletics.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 150th anniversary of Alcorn State University and the invaluable contributions of our country's first Historically Black Land Grant University in higher learning.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MARIJUANA IN FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING PARITY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Marijuana in Federally Assisted Housing Parity Act. My bill would permit the use of marijuana in federally assisted housing, including public housing and Section 8 housing, in compliance with the marijuana laws of the state where the property is located.

Individuals living in federally assisted housing should not be denied admission, or fear eviction, for using a legal product. Adult use and/or medical marijuana is currently legal in 36 states and the District of Columbia, and over 90 percent of Americans support legalized medical marijuana. Under current federal law, users of drugs that are illegal under federal law, including marijuana, are prohibited from being admitted into federally assisted housing. Moreover, federal law allows landlords to evict residents of federally assisted housing for using illegal drugs.

The federal government has begun to change its approach to marijuana. In 2018, the Food and Drug Administration approved Epidiolex, which is derived from marijuana. Epidiolex is used to treat children who suffer from seizures. Notably, the medicine does not contain tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, the psychoactive component in marijuana. For the last several years, Congress has prohibited the Department of Justice (DOJ) from using federal funds to prevent jurisdictions from implementing their medical marijuana laws. This bill would similarly allow individuals to use marijuana in federally assisted housing in compliance with a state's marijuana laws. HUD, like DOJ, should not be allowed to enforce federal marijuana laws where states have taken action to legalize marijuana.

Under my bill, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) must also develop regulations that restrict smoking marijuana in federally assisted housing in the same manner and to the same locations as the Secretary restricts smoking tobacco in federally assisted housing.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF MASTER SERGEANT LORETTA ANN EMMANUEL

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I'm honored to recognize Master Sergeant (MSG) Loretta Ann Emmanuel on the occasion of her retirement from the Pennsylvania National Guard after an auspicious 41-year career.

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